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TENS OF THOUSANDS OF 7th-12th GRADERS STILL NEED Tdap PROOF *Vaccination Clinics Continue to Help Students Meet Booster Shot Requirement*

More than 42,000 7th-12th graders across the county still need to provide proof they have received the pertussis booster shot or get vaccinated against the disease.

To help parents meet this new requirement, the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), working with the County Office of Education and school districts, is organizing additional vaccination clinics to immunize all middle and high school students before the new school year starts in about two weeks. Full schedule of vaccination clinics is on page two. Video of news conference [here](#).

"The clinics are a great opportunity for parents to vaccinate their children so that they can start school on time," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. "The booster shot will help protect students from contracting pertussis and avoid infecting their classmates or younger siblings at home."

AB 354 went into effect July 1 and requires all 7th through 12th graders—in public and private schools—to show proof of having received the pertussis booster shot, or Tdap, in order to enroll in school.

The new law impacted about 230,000 local students; more than half had not received the vaccine when schools districts increased their efforts to identify those that have not received the booster shot.

In the past three months, school officials have been able to obtain Tdap proof or vaccinate an additional 70,000 students. However, there are still an estimated 40,000 middle and high school students that need to be vaccinated or show proof they've received the vaccine; 21,000 of those attend school in the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD).

"Schools are committed to doing everything they can to protect the safety and wellbeing of all students," said SDUSD Superintendent Bill Kowba. "While parents will have up to 30 days to meet the Tdap requirement once classes begin, we recommend they vaccinate their children now to avoid any class disruptions."

In addition to the special clinics organized by HHSA, parents can also get the vaccine from their primary care physician, community clinic or retail pharmacy. Those with no medical coverage can vaccinate their children at one of the County's seven public health centers.

"Doctors' appointments are filling up fast," added Wooten. "We encourage parents to vaccinate their children now to avoid long lines and wait times."

AB 354 was passed as a result of last year's pertussis epidemic, which established new records of whooping cough cases across the state, including San Diego County where 1,144 cases were reported. This year, 335 pertussis cases have been reported to date.

Pertussis is a highly contagious disease that can spread quickly and can be deadly. In 2010, two local infants died from complications from the disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children get one dose of DTaP vaccine at the following ages: 2 months; 4 months; 6 months; 15 to 18 months; and 4 to 6 years. The Tdap booster shot is recommended for adolescents, age 11 to 18 years, preferably administered at age 11 to 12 years.

A typical case of pertussis in children and adults starts with a cough and runny nose for one to two weeks, followed by weeks to months of rapid coughing fits that sometimes end with a whooping sound. Fever, if present, is usually mild. The disease is treatable with antibiotics.

For more information about Tdap or the vaccination clinics, visit www.sdiz.org or call 2-1-1

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Tdap Vaccination Clinics

Date:	Location:	Time:	Address:	Doses:
8/22	Cajon Valley Middle School	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	550 E. Park Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020	300
8/22	Potter Junior High School	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	1743 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028	250
8/23	Potter Junior High School	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	1743 Reche Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028	200
8/23	South Region Public Health Center	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	690 Oxford St., Chula Vista, CA 91911	80
8/24	Ramona Library	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.	1275 Main St., Ramona, CA 92065	300
8/26	Santee School District	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	9613 Cuyamaca St., Santee, CA 92071	100
8/26	Mission Bay High School	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2475 Grand Ave., San Diego, CA 92109	150
8/26	North Central Public Health Center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	5055 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, CA 92123	40
8/29	Mission Bay High School	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2475 Grand Ave. San Diego, CA 92109	150
8/29	North Central Public Health Center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	5055 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, CA 92123	40
8/30	South Region Public Health Center	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	690 Oxford St., Chula Vista, CA 91911	80
8/30	Mission Bay High School	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2475 Grand Ave., San Diego, CA 92109	150
8/30	North Central Public Health Center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	5055 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, CA 92123	40
8/31	North Inland Regional Center	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.	600 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025	300
9/2	Monte Vista High School	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3230 Sweetwater Springs Blvd., Spring Valley, CA 91977	100



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